

BRAC recommends realignment for Naval Station Great Lakes

By **PAUL ENGSTROM**
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The Department of Defense announced its Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations May 13. The department's BRAC recommendations, if adopted, would close 33 major bases and realign 29 more.

Among those recommendations were the closure of nine major Navy installations, the realignment of eight others and the closure of 46 smaller installations — including 37 reserve centers.

The Department of the Navy's BRAC impact will save the nation more than \$1.5

billion a year once fully implemented. The overall savings for all services are expected to approach \$50 billion over the next 20 years.

The most significant change at Great Lakes involves the proposed relocation of Hospital Corps school to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This would affect some 165 school staff members and approximately 1,500 students. Plans call for San Antonio to become the hub for training enlisted medical technicians of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Another recommendation would move

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Gate construction, paving projects continue here

Gate 9 located at Mississippi and Buckley is now closed for infrastructure improvements and construction of a new gate house and canopy. The project is expected to be completed and reopened on Sept. 16. During construction traffic is being rerouted down Alaska and around the NEX Furniture store back to Mississippi through a temporary entry control point. Detour signs are posted.

Construction on Gates 3 and 6 is progressing well and the gates are expected to be reopened July 25 and Sept. 1 respectively.

During the closure of Gate 3 public safety will staff a temporary pedestrian gate from 6:30-7:30 a.m., Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 6 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The temporary gate is located just north of the extent of the ornamental fence. Also, the base shuttle service will be expanded to include the train station. The service will mirror the train schedule for pick-ups at the station Monday-Friday from 6-8:30 a.m., and for drop-offs at the station Monday-Friday

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Welcome home

The Wigginton family, BM2 Perry, Samira, and son Zackaria join in the celebration at last week's ceremony honoring Cargo Handling Battalion Seven (CHB-7) whose members spent nine months in Kuwait. For story and additional photos see page 2. *Photo by Judy R. Lazarus*

Dealing with 'Critical Days of Summer' is important

By **JUDY R. LAZARUS**
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Preventing injury and death this coming season was the topic at last week's "Critical Days of Summer" presentation at Ross Auditorium for E-7 and above Navy personnel. Lt.j.g. Randall Johnson, Naval Safety Center, Norfolk, Va. gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed methods to cut down on fatalities.

The Critical Days of Summer is the high-risk period from May 27 to Sept. 7, when a high percentage of traffic and off-duty or recreational deaths occur.

Johnson noted that a focus group of 13 participants, from the ages of 18 to 26, was conducted recently. "We asked questions and reviewed replies," he said, adding that the majority of fatalities are in that age group.

Four hundred and seventy five Navy and Marine Corps personnel were killed in all off-duty mishaps between 2002 and 2004: 214

Sailors and 164 Marines in private motor vehicle accidents and 63 Sailors and 34 Marines in off duty or recreational mishaps.

Primary causes of fatalities while driving include alcohol use, excessive speed, fatigue, and not wearing seat belts. Additional summertime risks include drowning, water sport and motorcycle accidents.

Something must be done to stop these fatalities, Johnson told the senior leadership personnel. "Be creative, get the word out, have mini-safety stand downs, form partnerships with other commands - anything you feel that has merit and will reach the demographic."

Resources are available, he said. "The information is out there. Train your people to get the message out."

Intrusive leadership is necessary, the lieutenant said. "We have to have the same level of concern about these young people that we would expect to be shown to our own daughters and sons in someone else's care."

Meetings provide housing turnover information

Family housing town hall meetings have been scheduled for this month to disseminate information and answer questions in regard to the turnover of Great Lakes military family housing to a private contractor. Residents will receive information relating to how this Public-Private Venture (PPV) will affect them when it takes place later this year.

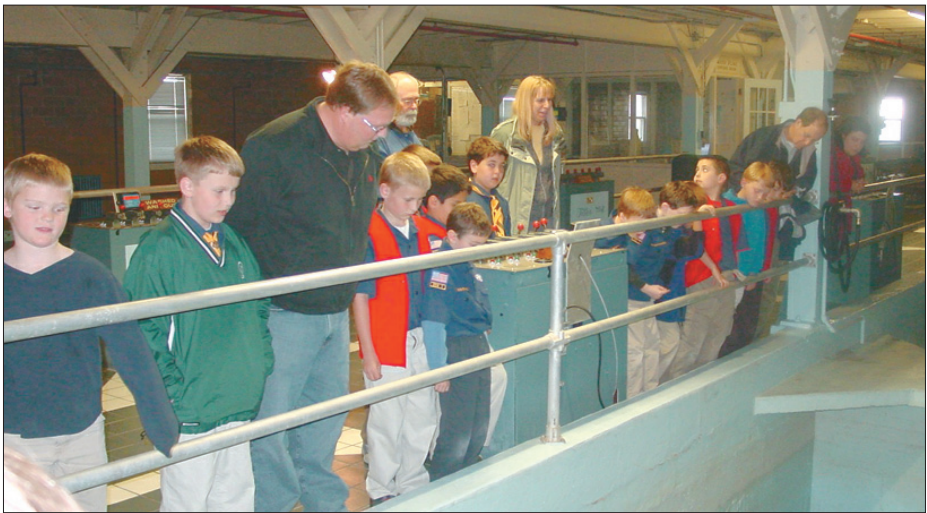
PPV is the new trend in providing quality military housing and bestows the respon-

sibility of ownership maintenance of family housing structures on the contractor while the government retains ownership of this real property.

The remaining meetings, one to accommodate each area of military family housing, are scheduled as follows:

Fort Sheridan residents - May 24, 6-8 p.m., at the Fort Sheridan Youth Center.

Great Lakes residents - May 31, 6-8 p.m., Forrestal Village Chapel.



Scouts tour water plant

Wolf Scouts from the Lake Forest Country Day School learned all about water treatment at a recent tour of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Midwest water treatment plant. The tour, sponsored by Cmdr. Stan Cope, executive officer, Naval Institute for Dental and Biomedical Research, helped the scouts get a better understanding of how water is processed for drinking. *Photo courtesy NAVFAC Midwest*

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Now hear this! Play ball!

Galley 535 and MWR are hosting their first "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" event on May 26 from 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. on the outdoor patio, beginning with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and a ceremonial "first pitch." Enjoy ballpark food, games and music for lunch. In case of inclement weather, all baseball activities will be moved inside Galley 535 and will begin at 11 a.m.

Scion Slam visits tomorrow

Basketball tournament offers chance at prizes
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Find out what's happening at Great Lakes!

Visit the Great Lakes official websites at www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil and www.nstc.navy.mil

NCHB-7 honored at welcome home ceremony

Families and friends join in celebration

By **JO1 DOUG MAPPIN AND JUDY R. LAZARUS**
Bulletin Associate Editor

“Faces here are happier than they were last July,” observed Capt. Terry Wilson, commanding officer, Navy Reserve Center (NRC) Chicago, greeting family members and friends at the welcome home ceremony for Navy Chicago Handling Battalion Seven (NCHB-7).

The unit, recalled to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, left July 26 for a nine-month deployment to Kuwait and Iraq and returned in April.

NCHB-7 provides trained personnel and equipment to load and offload Maritime Prepositioned Force ships either pier side or over the beach. The battalion is made up of even companies in three states and has a complement of 181 enlisted personnel and 12 officers.

“We’re here to honor NCHB-7 and celebrate their safe return,” Wilson said. “Not every unit can say they all came home and that they did as good a job as you did. You are heroes of NRD, you are heroes of the United States of America.”

Cmdr. Dan Pionk, commanding officer of NCHB-7, praised his unit, and the families as well.

“This was a mission completed, a job well done,” Pionk said. “We recognize the gallant members who served Iraqi Freedom, their professionalism and the magnitude of what they accomplished in a short amount of time.”

Pionk thanked family members and friends for their support. “We knew our Sailors were ready. Our biggest concern was to get the families ready. You all did your job — to allow our Sailors to focus on the job at hand.

While deployed, NCHB-7’s personnel performed a wide range of duties, the CO noted. “They off loaded over 90 vessels, delivering over 200,000 pieces of military equipment. They were responsible for the handling of 2.8 million pounds of incoming and outgoing mail. They processed over 24 million gallons of fuel and made it possible for the delivery of vital equipment and medical supplies to the troops fighting in the field.”

Eric Schuller, senior policy advisor from the office of Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, read a

declaration of thanks from the lieutenant governor. He presented a Certification of Wartime Service to Commanding Officer Pionk

Schuller welcomed the military members home from a successful mission.

“Without you the troops wouldn’t have had the material, equipment or means to do the job,” he said.

He praised the families. “They were there when you came home, welcoming you back with open arms. They had your backs.”

“Almost 10 years ago we were sitting here when they were leaving,” said Shirley Hoppe, wife of SKC David Hoppe. “It was really hard.”

“They could have been there a lot longer, so we were lucky,” noted BM1 Buwen LaBuba’s wife Chuli.

The Saturday ceremony gave unit members an opportunity to share their experiences overseas.

“The first thing that hit us as we departed from the plane was the heat,” said SK1 Julianna Stuver of Milwaukee, Wis. “When

I stepped into Kuwait it was 134 degrees. It was like crawling in the oven with your Thanksgiving Day turkey. We eventually got used to it. We drank lots of water, otherwise we would have suffered from heat stroke.”

“It was hot and muggy one day, hot and muggy the next,” said CS3 Klynn Aviles of Waukegan, Ill. “One of the first days there, there was a sandstorm. We endured a lot. We worked eight- to twelve-hour workdays, seven days a week. We worked hard long hours. We had little time off, but we knew we had a job to do.”

Aviles’ fiancé SK2 Arthur Greenwood, also a member of NCHB-7, lost 25 pounds from the heat, but eventually put it back on

“I missed the little things,” he said. “I missed the change of weather. We missed our eight-year old son.”

Something which surprised him, Greenwood said, was how well liked the unit members were by the people of Kuwait.



IT3 John, Lauren, and Shanon Wildes, of Schaumburg, Ill., celebrate NCHB-7’s safe return at last week’s welcome home ceremony.



Members of Cargo Handling Battalion-Seven were recalled to active duty for nine months in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Davin, Taylor and Megan Hoppe accompanied their parents, SKC David and Shirley Hoppe, to the celebration at the Navy Reserve Center. *Photos by Judy R. Lazarus*



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Myths about NSPS debunked

Here are some myths and facts about the National Security Personnel System

Myth: The proposed appeal system is not an impartial process.

Fact: Under NSPS, employees retain the right to appeal to a third party in adverse action cases. The proposed regulations retain Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) administrative judges as the initial adjudicators of employee appeals of adverse actions. Although the proposed regulations provide for a Departmental review of those initial administrative judge decisions, employees retain the right to appeal to the full

MSPB to review a final Department decision.

Correction

The name of one of the Great Lakes employees who was a finalist in the Federal Employee of the Year competition was omitted from the May 13 issue of the *Great Lakes Bulletin*. Barry Godfrey, NAVFAC Midwest Public Works Facility Sustainment and Services, was a finalist for Outstanding Trades and Crafts.

BRAC

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Culinary “A” school from the Training Support Center at Great Lakes to Fort Lee, Va. and consolidate it under a new “joint center of excellence” for culinary training.

The DoD list also proposes merging the installation management functions of Navy Region South at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, and Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command, New Orleans, with Commander Navy Region Midwest, located at Naval Station Great Lakes. This would increase the Midwest Region’s scope from 10 to 15 states. This move is part of an effort to reduce Navy infrastructure, minimize overhead and streamline installation management.

Also recommended was to integrate a portion of Naval Facilities Engineering Field Division South from Charleston, S.C. with NAVFAC Midwest.

DoD also proposes the relocation of the Army Dental Research Detachment, the Air Force Dental Investigative Service, and the Naval Institute for Dental and Biomedical Research from Great Lakes to the Army Institute of Surgical Research, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The recommendations also supported the on-going integration of the VA/DoD health care facilities, and specifically mentions disestablishing the inpatient mission at Naval Hospital Great Lakes, converting the hospital to a clinic with an ambulatory surgery center.

According to Appendix C of the 2005 closure and realignment report, the net loss in personnel at Great Lakes would be 23 civilians and 1,989 military personnel.

“We in Navy Region Midwest and at Great Lakes support the DoD recommendations and believe that they will advance transformation, combat effectiveness, and good use of the taxpayer’s dollar,” said Rear Adm. Dirk Debbink, deputy commander, Navy Region Midwest.

Debbink and Capt. Kathryn Hobbs, commanding officer, Naval Station Great Lakes, and Chief of Staff for Navy Region Midwest read a prepared statement and answered questions May 13 at the Great Lakes Visitors Center.

“The BRAC recommendations were designed to be fair and objective, governed by law, with checks and balances at every level,” said Debbink. “Primary consideration was given to military value and recommendations were based on certified data and a look at what the force structure would be in 20 years.

“The recommendations will place the right capabilities in the right places, match facilities to forces, and allow us to invest resources where they are most needed.

What doesn’t match, we cannot afford to keep,” Debbink added.

The BRAC recommendations were developed in a process that began in 2001, with the initiation of a review of how U.S. forces were arrayed overseas.

Prospective changes to the department’s global posture were fed into the analysis and recommendations. As a result, forces coming home will return to installations better arrayed to train and deploy for possible contingencies around the world.

The department’s BRAC recommendations were developed by the military services and seven joint cross-service groups in consultation with the combatant commanders.

Each recommendation was created under the procedures established in the Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, as amended. The BRAC analysis started with the 20-Year Force Structure Plan and the department’s inventory of facilities, and then applied BRAC selection criteria that had been published early in 2004.

These criteria give paramount importance to an installation’s military value. Other considerations included costs of potential savings, and economic and environmental impacts of potential changes. The BRAC analysis used data that was certified accurate in a process monitored by the Government Accountability Office and the department’s inspection and audit agencies.

The department’s BRAC recommendations are intended to:

- Enhance the military’s ability to meet contingency surge or mobilization requirements;
- Retain those installations that have unique capabilities that would be difficult to reconstitute at other locations;
- Consolidate similar or duplicative training and support functions to improve joint war fighting;
- Transform important support functions — including logistics, medicine and research and development — by capitalizing on advances in technology and business practice.

The department’s recommendations will now be reviewed by the BRAC Commission, which will seek comments from the potentially affected communities. As it has in the past four BRAC rounds, the department will assist affected communities in a variety of ways. DoD programs include personnel transition and job training assistance, local reuse planning grants, and streamlined property disposal. The department will join with other federal agencies to offer additional assistance to affected communities.

Once the commission has completed its review, it will present its recommendations to the President by Sept. 8, 2005. The President will have until Sept. 23, 2005, to accept or reject the recommendations in their entirety.

If accepted, Congress will have 45 legislative days to reject the recommendations in their entirety or they become binding on

the department. The entire process is expected to be completed by the end of 2005.

Further information is available on the following websites: <http://www.defenselink.mil/brac> and <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/bractransition>. The latter website has information for personnel affected by BRAC decisions.

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from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The shuttle will stop at the station at other periods of the day and on the weekend, but it will not mirror the train schedule. The overall summer schedule for the shuttle has been expanded and the hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-8p.m. on weekends.

During the week, from the hours of 6-8 a.m. Gate 1 is one-way onto the base. All traffic wishing to exit mainside during these hours must use Gate 5.

RTC graduation traffic on Fridays is routed to Recruit Training Command through a temporary gate just west of the main gate and all traffic exits out of Gate 8. Daily and routine traffic continues to be routed to Gate 8 during the construction. Detour signs are posted. Construction will begin on Gate 4 June 6 and is expected to be completed on Sept. 23. Once construction begins, Cluverius Ave. will no longer be accessible from Isherwood Ave and vice versa. Detour signs will be posted.

Updates and schedule changes will be posted bi-weekly in the *Great Lakes*

Bulletin.

The first six paving construction projects of this season are complete. These completed projects include Crosley Drive repairs; Isherwood from Farragut to Clark; The Bldg. 236 parking lot; Sampson St. from Dewey to Cluverius; Moffett Street; and the Bldg. 2500, Navy Lodge parking lot. Construction has begun and is in progress on Neyer Circle; Nimitz Ave west of Paul Jones; and the Bldg. 621 parking lot. The start date for the Bldg. 616 parking lot has been moved up to May 24, and will be done in conjunction with the 621 parking lot and the repair of Cluverius from Paul Jones St. to MacDonough.

Rapidly approaching paving projects with possible road closings include: June 6 - Cluverius from Paul Jones St. to MacDonough, June 20 - Paul Jones St. North of Cluverius, and June 20 - Bronson Ave repairs from Isherwood to MacDonough. Portions of all three of these projects have been executed along with paving projects on adjacent streets or lots.

Scion Slam event arrives at Great Lakes tomorrow

The Scion Slam 3-on-3 Military Basketball Tournament rolls into Naval Station Great Lakes (behind Pier 525-west side) on May 21, with an opportunity for the first place team to walk away with \$1,000. Second place winners get \$300 and third place, \$100.

Win or lose there is no entry fee. The tournament is free to all participants.

This spring, all across the country thousands of U.S. military personnel and their families will face off in this Scion basketball event.

“We’re very excited that we’re one of 14 military installations that are getting to run this free tournament,” said John Prue, head, Recreation Division. “This is a professionally run tournament,” he noted.

“It will be a great spectator event for the whole family. We’re hoping for a great turnout.”

Contestants will get to see which one of their brothers and sisters “in arms” can “play ball” during this one-day tournament. Spectators, as well as participants can enjoy the event.

The Scion Slam Team collaborated with the local Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) to build an interactive entertainment park. Those who are licensed drivers (18 years or older) can put Scion’s car-

building skills to the test on the “ride and drive” courses with a Scion xA, xB, and tC. Families can enjoy some “hard earned” R & R on the basketball court and in the interactive park where handpicked Scion disc jockeys will cut and spin a hip-hop soundtrack for the day.

A special treat just for Naval Station Great Lakes will be the presence of the NBA JAM VAN, which “rolls” in the complete NBA experience with a ton of interactive things to do for all ages: on-and-off court basketball activities, a video game arcade, a state of the art video wall and more.

A free “tip off party,” open to all base personnel, will begin at 7 p.m. tonight at Pier 525’s Club Nitro. The party, which is open to all base personnel, will provide food and good music with a live DJ.

Register now for this exclusive free event.

“They’re still looking for teams,” Prue said. “People can register right up until the first game.”

Go to www.mwrgl.com and look for the Scion Slam link, or stop by the Fieldhouse-Bldg. 440 for assistance on signing up. In case of rain, the event will be held at Bldg. 440.

For further details, call 688-3419.



Secretary of the Navy Gordon England, second from left, takes notes as the Chief of Naval Operations Vern Clark testifies, along with Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael Hagee, right, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Infrastructure Analysis) Anne Davis, left, before the Base Redesign and Closure Commission (BRAC) on Capitol Hill. This was the first time the Navy and Marine Corps leadership appeared before the commission to review the realignment and closures list. *Photo by Lt.j.g. James McLeod*

Catch the magic at Camp Adventure Day Camp

For families who need summer child-care for school age children, Camp Adventure (Youth Services) Day Camp, in partnership with the MWR Department, is the way to go. It is a structured summer day camp - run by a trained professional staff.

Camp Adventure offers two site locations including the Great Lakes Youth Center-GLYC (Bldg. 2600-Forrestal Village) and Kid’s World-KY (Bldg. 8801-Glenview). Registration is ongoing until all spaces are filled.

Camp Adventure runs from June 6 to Aug. 19 from 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. Summer day camp is open to eligible active duty military and DoD children, ages 6 (must have completed kindergarten) through 12 years.

Camp Adventure provides a variety of activities including outdoor recreation, arts and crafts, sports and games, water play, field trips and much more. Join us for fun and adventure all summer long. Registration and income verification are required, as camp fees are based on total household income. For more information, call the Child and Youth Placement Coordinator at (847) 688-3100.

Great Lakes reservists improve battle skills at Michigan exercise

By **LT. CMDR. T.R. Shaw**
NMCRC Battle Creek Public Affairs

More than 60 medical and non-medical Navy Reservists assigned to Operational Health Support Unit (OHSU) Great Lakes detachments took part in a two-day field exercise 7-8 May 2005 in Battle Creek aimed at improving their battlefield medical skills as well as enhancing their self-defense skills.

Lower Michigan Exercise 05 (LOMICHEX 05) brought together NR OHSU Great Lakes Detachments from Battle Creek, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Detroit and Lansing, Michigan at the

Michigan Army National Guard's Fort Custer Training Center. The training also included other medical personnel from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Navy Reserve medical units regularly take part in field exercises which train and test their battlefield medical skills in areas such as first-aid, transportation and triage. Frequently, Midwest based Reservists have to travel great distances for this training. With access to local military facilities, this is now something that can be done much closer to home.

This exercise also included extensive training in security including close quarter combat and familiarization and live firing

of rifles and pistols; something most medics rarely get a chance to do.

The event was conceived and organized by Lt. Bill Parthun, Officer in Charge of Battle Creek's NR OHSU Det. Medical training was organized and conducted by Cmdr. Lauren Evans, OIC of the Grand Rapids Det.

"We added the security dimension to this exercise because of the increasing amount of violence directed toward medical personnel in combat. Terrorists today are going after the weaker targets," Evans said. "We felt this was an effective way of combining both medical and security training."

Lt. Bill Jansak conducted a course on close order combat and hand-to-hand fighting skills.

He demonstrated techniques for handling personal assaults from both knife and gun assailants and techniques for escaping difficult situations; something medical personnel found very useful and effective for both their military and civilian lives.

In addition to medical and security training, Navy Reserve JAG, Cmdr. Dan Downing, presented a program on military law and rules of engagement; something medical personnel rarely think about or have a chance for learn about.

Many reservists may find themselves in a foreign country and will be faced with medical and legal questions and which laws must be followed. It was an eye-opening experience for many and generated a lot of discussion and interaction.

For many medical Reservists handling a weapon is something they haven't done

since boot camp or officer indoctrination. For some it was a little scary handling a military grade M-16 rifle and 9mm pistol, but was a gratifying experience. Many of the Reservists took advantage of the opportunity and qualified for their rifle and pistol ribbons; although some found it intimidating, all agreed it was a great experience.

Active duty members of the Navy's 20th Seabee Readiness Group from Gulfport, Mississippi served as range masters and trainers for the weapons course, something they do on a regular basis.

The reservists spent Saturday night in the field sleeping in two-man Marine combat tents.

On Sunday a mock mass-casualty drill took place which threw many surprises at them, including having the primary caregivers taken out by a sniper. Personnel had to use their judgment, training and skills to continue the exercise.

"It was a fantastic weekend!" Parthun said. "I'm very pleased with the participation and quality of training we accomplished. I'm especially grateful for the use of the Army's Fort Custer Training Center ranges and especially the Seabees from Gulfport. It was first-class training in a great facility and another sterling example of active-reserve and joint military cooperation."

"It's really good to get away from the Reserve Center for a weekend and get out and do something like this," Evans said. "We tend to spend a lot of our drill weekends doing routine health care and records maintenance. This was great for morale!" she added.



Lt. Bill Jansak demonstrates self-defense tactics against a knife assailant to participants of Lower Michigan Exercise (LOMICHEX) 05. The field exercise involved training for 80 medical and non-medical members of Navy Reserve Operational Health Support Unit (OHSU) Great Lakes Dets. from Battle Creek, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Detroit and Lansing, Michigan and other medical personnel from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Battle Creek's OHSU Det.-T was the organizer and host for the exercise. The training involved both traditional medical field training and non-medical security training which included familiarization and live firing of the M-16 rifle and 9 mm pistol. *Photo by Lt. Cmdr. T. R. Shaw*

Public Works Appreciation Week will be held from May 22-28

Providing 100 years of facilities support at Great Lakes and in the Midwest

On May 16, Rear Adm. D. J. Debbink, deputy commander, Navy Region Midwest (NRMW), signed a Proclamation designating May 22-28 as Public Works Appreciation Week at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Midwest.

Public Works Week is a recognized nationally during the month of May and celebrated in many cities and countries throughout North America raising visibility to the importance of public works in community life.

This year, as Great Lakes acknowledges the significant accomplishments made by the NAVFAC Midwest facilities team, it also commemorates 100 years of the Civil Engineer Corps presence at Great Lakes. The Civil Engineer Corps presence at Great Lakes dates back to 1905, before the first recruit was graduated. Lt. George A. McKay, civil engineer, was assigned as engineer for the original construction of the

Great Lakes Naval Training Station. As the first civil engineer at Great Lakes, he surveyed the land and determined the layout for its first buildings. McKay used the natural plateaus created by Pettibone Creek to divide the base into four functional areas - receiving, main training camp, hospital area, and the Marine Barracks/guard house area.

In 1917, then Commander McKay, returned to Great Lakes for wartime camp construction. Along with two other public works officers, he helped develop a military regiment of skilled craftsmen who, by day, built up the base to accommodate more than 125,000 recruits.

Today, the presence of Public Works and the Civil Engineer Corps is more visible than ever. The significant contributions they make on a daily basis to the quality, appearance, and usefulness of \$8 Billion worth of infrastructure is tremendous and have major impact on the efficient accomplishments of the Navy's mission and the quality of life for Sailors and civilians alike.

Debbink urges all military and civilian personnel to take cognizance of this week and join with him in acknowledging the significant accomplishments made by this outstanding NAVFAC Midwest Facilities Team.



The Civil Engineer Corps presence at Great Lakes dates back to 1905, before the first recruit was graduated, and was instrumental in creating many of the buildings here, including this almost-completed Bldg. 4. *Photo courtesy Naval Facilities Engineering Command Great Lakes*

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Until Every One Comes Home®

May 26 - The next "No-Dough Dinners" are May 13 and 26, at the Great Lakes USO, Bldg. 27, Naval Station, at 5:30 p.m.

May 21 - See the Sorcerer's Apprentice at the Apollo Theatre at 1 p.m. on May 21 Show Time. The event is free to military personnel and their families, and transportation is available through the Great Lakes USO.

May 22 - Come to the KRE BBQ Smokers Cook-Out on May 22 from noon-4 p.m. at the Great Lakes USO, Bldg. 27, Naval Station. Free to military personnel and their families.

May 28 - Organizers of the Chicago Memorial Day Parade need military in uniform and their families to ride in historic military vehicles in downtown Chicago. The event takes place on May 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and lunch will be provided. RSVP to USO Great Lakes at (847) 688-5591.

May 31 - A West Pacific Islander Cruise Dinner and Program takes place May 31 from 5-7 p.m. at the USO Bldg 27. This event honors Asian Pacific Islander Month, and includes cultural dance and cuisine. Wear your island or traditional gear. For more information on the above events go to www.uso.org/Illinois and click on link to special events or the link for the calendar of events.

The Great Lakes USO is located in Bldg. 27 on the Great Lakes Naval Station near the front gate. The hours of operation for center usage are Monday-Friday 3-9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. The USO is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for outreach programs, ticket programs, and general assistance. For information call (847) 688-5591. The USO has been "Serving Our Troops Since 1941." The mission of the USO of Illinois in times of peace and conflict is to enhance the quality of life of the active duty men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families through social, recreational, entertainment and educational programs and support services.

Traffic safety presentations coming to bases across the U.S.

By **DAN STEBER**
Naval Safety Center

The Naval Safety Center kicked off a combined "Critical Days of Summer (CDoS)" and "Traffic Safety Across America (TSAA)" tour at several sites around the country on May 11. For two weeks, teams of presenters will crisscross the country in a whirlwind effort to bring traffic, recreational and off-duty safety awareness training to Sailors and Marines.

"This tour is a follow up to the successful TSAA blitz that our staff did before the Thanksgiving Day holiday last year," said Capt. Bill Glenn, Head of Shore Safety Programs at the Naval Safety Center. "We saw slight drops in the holiday traffic-safety mishaps and believe these briefs and an associated media campaign helped, so we are going to do it again. This time we will combine the effort with the 'Critical Days of Summer' campaign."

The safety presentations center on private motor vehicle and other mishaps that traditionally occur from Memorial Day through Labor Day. During this period, the Navy Marine Corps have the highest number of deaths and injuries from the widest variety of mishaps. Traffic hazards increase because the weather is nicer, our people face a higher number of PCS moves, and more Sailors and Marines are doing higher-risk outdoor activities.

"We recognize that our people are going to be outdoors enjoying various recreational and sports-related activities," said Lt. Trent Thompson, head of the Safety Center's traffic safety awareness branch. "Through this tour around America, we hope to open their eyes to the dangers and get our Sailors and Marines to plan their events to minimize the risk for injury or death. We have designed and built some high-tech, flashy multimedia presentations that will capture our people's attention and convey a safety-

awareness message."

Those presentations are DVD-based and will play on any DVD system. They contain useful safety scenarios and action videos. Presenters will be available to provide additional information about fleetwide safety efforts and the need for our people to maintain situational awareness and a safety mindset when they are off duty.

"Our mishap stats are clear," said Chuck Roberts, Head of the Traffic and Off-Duty Safety Division at the Naval Safety Center. "More of our people die in private motor vehicle, recreational and off-duty mishaps than any other area, except combat—and our numbers are close to that figure, too. We have to get our people to realize that a seatbelt, helmet or good safety plan before an event might save their lives."

The first brief took place at Great Lakes, Ill. The major push begins on May 16, when a team of presenters will be in Bangor, Wash.; Gulfport, Miss.; Pensacola, Fla.; Cherry Point, N.C.; Annapolis, M.D.; and Camp Lejeune, N.C. Those teams and others will then hopscotch around the country. Day two will bring presentations to Whidbey Island, Wash.; Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Fort Worth, Texas; Mayport and Jacksonville, Fla.; and many other sites before wrapping up on May 24 at Little Creek Amphibious Base, Va.

"Although a challenging logistics problem, this effort is important," said Lt. Tori Stitt, a Naval Surface Warfare Officer assigned to help traffic-safety efforts. "Scheduling nine teams to visit every major base around the country was a daunting task. I had to arrange the visits, get points of contact, put together a travel plan, and prepare orders, but it was worth every bit of effort because the fleet will receive training to help prevent the senseless loss of life."

For more information on the traffic, recreational and off-duty safety efforts, including the "Critical Days of Summer" and "Traffic Safety Across America Tour,"

visit the Naval Safety Center's website at www.safetycenter.navy.mil. The tour was announced in a message from the Naval Safety Center, DTG 201051Z APR 05.

About the Naval Safety Center: Established in 1951, the Naval Safety Center is the Navy's leading organization that conducts safety investigations, analyzes mishaps, and provides safety information to the Fleet. The Center serves communities in aviation, afloat, shore and recreation/traffic, ground operations, and occupational safety and health.

Commander, Naval Safety Center reports directly to the Chief of Naval Operations, provides assistance to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Safety, and supports over 4,200 Marine and Navy commands worldwide to promote safety and safety processes and to preserve the lives of our service members. Our web site is at safetycenter.navy.mil. Also visit our Navy NewsStand page at <http://www.news.navy.mil/local/nsc>.

About the 50%-Mishap-Reduction Campaign: On May 19, 2003, the Secretary of Defense challenged DoD to achieve a 50-percent, across-the-board mishap reduction by the end of FY05. In fiscal year 2004, mishaps killed 113 Sailors, and cost the Navy \$524 million in equipment damage and lost resources. Of the mishap cost, \$468 million was in aviation mishaps. Seventy-three of the deaths were on the highway. The mishap-reduction challenge aims at 10 targets. Four involve Class A mishaps (which cause \$1 million or more in damage, destroy an aircraft, kill someone, or leave someone totally disabled): total operational, aviation (which alone accounts for 94 percent of the costs), afloat and ashore. Four other targets involve fatalities: traffic (which accounts for more than half the total deaths), off-duty, afloat and aviation. The other two are the number of destroyed aircraft and civilian lost-time injuries.

Class to be offered at LLC

Grab a bite of business knowledge over lunch this summer at College of Lake County's (CLC's) Great Lakes Lifelong Learning Center located in building 617. A three-credit hybrid version of Introduction to Business (BUS 121) will be offered from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 7 to July 28.

Designed for the convenience of Naval personnel that would like to learn business basics in a short time, the class will provide a broad overview of the principles and functions of business. Topics will include management, marketing, global business practices, finance, accounting, human resource management and business law.

Students via the Internet will complete part of the class work. Students not having Internet access may use the CLC's comput-

er lab. George Mochocki will teach the class.

To meet business instructors from CLC, attend an open house from 2-4 p.m. on May 26 at the CLC Great Lakes Center. For more information, call Liz White at (847) 543-2971 at Great Lakes or Litsa Press, program coordinator for Business Management, at (847) 543-2921 or e-mail her at lpres@clcillinois.edu.

To register by phone - after completing CLC's admission process - call (847) 223-1111. To register online, log on to www.clcillinois.edu/selfserv.htm <<http://www.clcillinois.edu/selfserv.htm>>. To apply for admission, call (847) 543-2061 or log on to www.clcillinois.edu/applic.htm <<http://www.clcillinois.edu/applic.htm>>.

Honormen, RCPOs at the Recruit Graduation Review



SR Matthew Barrett, Div. 176
New Braunfels, Texas
The National Society Of The
Sons Of The American
Revolution Academic Excellence
Award

The following honor recruits for the May 20 recruit review graduation ceremony will be presented with a statuette of the Lone Sailor by the Fleet Reserve Association: SR Stacie Barbarick, Div. 173, Denver, Colo.; SR Charles Johnson, Div. 174, Chesapeake, Va.; SR Joshua Lane, Div. 175, Compton, Calif.; SR Cameron Slappe, Div. 176, Pensacola, Fla.; and SR Adam Marble, Div. 926, Gloucester, Va.



The recruit chief petty officers for the May 20 week's recruit review graduation are as follows: SR Stacie Barbarick, Div. 173, Denver, Colo.; SR Michael Meppelink, Div. 174, Choctaw, Okla.; SR John Girou, Div. 175, Mobile, Ala.; SR Robert Dade, Div. 176, Daphne, Ala.; SR Lincoln Lorscheider, Div. 926, Freson, Calif.

The award recipients for the May 20 recruit graduation review are as pictured.



SR Charles Johnson, Div. 174
Chesapeake, Va.
Navy Club Of The United States
Military Excellence Award



SR Tiffany Bell, Div. 173
Cincinnati Ohio
United Services Organization
Shipmate Award



SR Michael Meppelink, Div. 174
Choctaw, Okla.
The Military Order Of The
World Wars Award Of Merit



SR Aaron Wasson, Div. 926
Sands Springs, Okla.
Military Officers Association Of
America Award Leadership
Award



SR Hasad Newsom, Div. 926
Charlestown, W.V.
Navy League Award



Viewpoint



Readers Speak Out

This week the Bulletin asked its readers, “Do you feel using a cell phone while you are driving makes you less of a safe driver?”



“Yes, it does. It increases the odds that you’re not paying attention.”
GSE2(SW) Khriesky Concepcion



“Yes, because you’re not as aware of what is going on around you.”
FC3(SW) Carl Fisher



“Absolutely. Unless you have hands-free capability you shouldn’t drive while holding the phone to your ear.”
Maj. Eric Woods, USA



“Yes, I do. While talking on a cell phone you are not as aware of the surroundings.”
MR2 Shelia Duff



“Yes. Absolutely. It’s a real distraction.”
CDR Diane Bizzell



“Yes. It creates a lack of attention to your surroundings.”
OS2(SW) Arthur Riles

Letter to the Editor

Letters of thanks

The Great Lakes Naval Museum would like to thank James Bartee of Saint Charles Illinois, for his recent donation. Bartee was stationed at Great Lakes during WWII in the Photographic Identification Division of what would now be considered Recruit Inprocessing. His wonderful gift includes his uniform, panoramic photographs of the Photo ID staff, mementos and snapshots. They will be made available to researchers and used to enhance current

and future exhibits. The panoramic photographs will soon be available for viewing on the museum webpages at www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil/museum/index.html.

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Additionally, the letter carriers from the Great Lakes Post Office would like to thank everyone who participated in the food drive which was held last Saturday to collect non-perishable food. All the donations went to a local food pantry.

Where to Write Us

Great Lakes Bulletin

2601A Paul Jones St.
Bldg. 1, Room B-25
Great Lakes, IL
60088-2845

Great Lakes Tyke

Name: Jenna Mullins

Age: 4

I live in: Chicago

I live with: Daddy, mommy, and brothers Josh and Ryan

My pets are: Three dogs and a cat

I help around the house by: I clean up my room and I help my mommy

My favorite book is: Cinderella

My favorite cartoon is: Kim Possible

My favorite food is: Macaroni and cheese and chicken

My favorite toy or game is: I like to play with my elephants



Jenna Mullins

My favorite color is: Yellow

My favorite thing to do is: To help my mom

When I grow up I want to be: A grown-up like my mom

My picture is of: Me, my mommy and my friend Megan



Information, Tickets & Travel

Building 400, 688-3537

Office hours

ITT's hours of operation will be Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-noon. They are closed on Sunday and all federal holidays.

Weekend getaway

Extended Stay Hotels is offering special military rates of \$44.99 per night (double occupancy) for Extended Stay America - Vernon Hills, Homestead Studio Suites - Vernon Hills, and Crossland - Waukegan for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights. Whether you choose Extended Stay America, Homestead Studio Suites, or Crossland you can make yourself at home in our studio suites with fully equipped kitchens. In addition all local phone calls are free and each hotel is pet friendly. Onsite guest laundry facilities are available 24 hours daily. Relax and enjoy the weekend at our hotels centrally located in Lake County off I-94 and minutes away from nearby shopping at Hawthorn Mall or Gurnee Mills, restaurants, golf courses, and movie theatres. Special military rates are also available for longer term stays over seven nights. Stop by the ITT Office for additional information or visit www.ExtendedStayHotels.com.

To make advanced reservations call ESA Vernon Hills (847-821-7101), Homestead Studio Suites Vernon Hills, (847-955-1111), or Crossland Waukegan (847-688-0402).

Chicago City Pass

Visit six attractions at one low price with no ticket lines: The Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, The Museum of Science and Industry, The Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, The Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium VIP and The Hancock Observatory.

The cost is \$49 per adult (value: \$72.50) and \$38 per child ages 3-11 (value: \$51).

Go to the head of the line

The new Hancock Observatory takes you to the top and one step beyond. The new Hancock Observatory, in the heart of Chicago's Magnificent Mile, gives you a one-stop tour of Chicago. Step out into the wild blue on "Skywalk," Chicago's only open-air viewing deck.

Best of all, experience Chicago's finest views, spanning 80 miles, four states, and 360 degrees. ITT's Hancock Observatory Admission Fees are \$7.50-adult, and \$5.50-child.

Metra tickets

ITT has METRA commuter train tickets on sale. The cost is \$4.50 for a round trip ticket, or \$2.25 for a one-way ticket from North Chicago to downtown Chicago, a savings of over 50 percent off the regular ticket price. Avoid the stress of driving and high parking fees. Let METRA take you on a one-hour leisurely train ride downtown to experience some of the best restaurants, theatres, museums and entertainment Chicago has to offer. These METRA tickets are available to active duty military, only.

The Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites - Downtown Chicago

The Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites -

Downtown Chicago is now serving Great Lakes with special military rates available from \$99/night! Enjoy the spacious comfort of either a King or two double beds in Downtown Chicago at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites conveniently located on Harrison St. at Canal St. Dine at Aurelio's Pizza and Lounge, relax during the summer months at the outdoor rooftop pool and deck, work out in our fitness room, and take advantage of our Free Wireless High Speed Internet Access. Located just off I-290 and minutes away from Sears Tower, Greek Town, Little Italy, Grant Park, the Museum Campus, and the Lakefront. METRA's Ogilvie Transportation Center and Union Station are only steps away while the Clinton "L" stop of the CTA Blue Line is located at the base of the hotel. The \$99 Navy rate is subject to availability and is higher during special events. Stop by the ITT Office for additional hotel information or visit www.hidowntown.com. For advance reservations call 312- 957-9100 and ask for the Navy rate.

ComedySportz

Finally, a fun, fast-paced comedy show that's great for the whole family. It's ComedySportz (Chicago), improvisational comedy played as a sport by members of the World Comedy League. Two teams battle for laughs and points as they make up scenes, games and songs on the spot. The audience votes for the winners, a referee calls the fouls and they even play the national anthem before each match. Get your tickets today at ITT for only \$15.

Spirit of Chicago harbor cruises

Enjoy either a dinner or a lunch cruise with a grand buffet, dancing, Broadway music and the sights of Chicago.

Best Western discount

The Best Western Harbor Shores in beautiful Lake Geneva - is now offering accommodations at exceptional military discounts. Visit the Best Western Harbor Shores in beautiful Lake Geneva, WI. - centrally located, just steps away from the majestic waters and within walking distance to the downtown area. The Hotel is offering special discounted military rates for accommodations in one of the Midwest's hottest resort towns. The rates are as follows: May-Sept.: \$85/night (excludes Saturdays - slightly higher rate).

Make your reservation today by calling (888) 746-7371 - use "Navy" rate code when making the reservation. For a brochure and/or additional information, stop by the ITT Office.

Terrific air travel rates

Exclusive air travel rates into and out of O'Hare, Midway and Milwaukee airports may be arranged by ITT's new advertising partner, Travel Management/American Express, a local travel business - providing travel assistance throughout the year for everything from emergency trips home to off-duty vacations and dependant travel. Military discounts are available on a number of travel services. The local phone number is 847-234-5877.

Calling all baseball fans

See the Chicago Cubs at Historic Wrigley Field. The ITT Office carries one of the hottest tickets in town-the Chicago Cubs. The ITT Office holds 12 seats to 51 home games including night and weekend games. Since these tickets will be in high demand, a lottery will be conducted for 50 percent of the tickets (active duty, only). The lottery winners will have first chance at a pair of tickets to any game in that month. The remaining 50 percent of the tickets will go on sale to other eligible customers. For June home games the lottery begins on May 1 and runs through May 21. All lottery winner names will be posted at the ITT Office by 10 a.m. on May 23. Lottery winners will have until May 28 to select and purchase their tickets on a first-come, first-served basis. All remaining tickets for June games will go on sale to eligible customers on May 30. Cubs tickets are \$40 for regular games and \$47 for prime games. Tickets are only sold in pairs. Only two tickets per person per month. The prime games are as follows: 6/11, (BOS), 2:15 p.m.; 6/12, (BOS), 7:05 p.m. and 6/28, (MIL), 7:05 p.m. The regular games are as follows: 6/6, (TOR), 7:05 p.m.; 6/7, (TOR), 7:05 p.m.; 6/13, (FLA), 7:05 p.m. and 6/14, (FLA), 7:05 p.m. Stop by or call the ITT Office for complete details on the lottery process. Customers who purchase Cubs tickets through other sources are not eligible for the Entertainment Rebate Program.

Notice

The purchase or rental of goods and services from MWR activities on behalf of, or for resale to, unauthorized MWR patrons, groups or organizations is prohibited. Paragraph 602a of BUPER-SINST 1710.11C.

Six Flags discounts

Special military discounts are offered on Navy Weekend, June 18 and 19, at Six Flags Great America including their new waterpark. Six Flags Great America (in conjunction with the MWR Department) salutes the military community by offering a special discounted ticket price on Sat., June 18 or Sun., June 19 (choice of either day) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All active duty military, reservists, retirees, DoD employees and their family members and guests are eligible to participate in this spectacular weekend of fun including Six Flag's new waterpark, "Hurricane Harbor." Tickets cost \$24.50 per person. Parking is free. Tickets will be on sale at ITT, Bldg. 400-Student NEX Store; Great Lakes Youth Center, Bldg. 2600; The Loft, Bldg. 2A; Zapper's, Bldg.'s 130-H (HCS), 616 and 621; RTC Recreation Center, Bldg. 1326 and Kid's World-Glenview, Bldg 8801. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Discounted tickets are not available at Six Flag's main gate.

Also, purchase your daily and season passes for Six Flags Great America, which is currently open. Passes at the ITT Office include the new Hurricane Harbor Waterpark, which opens May 28. The admission fees are as follows: \$34 - Adults; \$30 - Children (under 54 inches tall); 2-Day Pass - \$49 and Season Pass - \$83.

★ ROSS ★ THEATER

Movies: \$2-Adult (Military or DOD)

\$1-Child (ages 6-11), Free-Under age 6

Ross Theater is located in Bldg. 110 and is open to everyone.

Children 17 years of age and under trying to gain access to a "R-Rated" movie must be accompanied by an adult.

GREAT MOVIES AT A GREAT PRICE!

Fri., May 20
6 p.m.



THE
AMITYVILLE
HORROR

R~For violence, disturbing images, language, brief sexuality and drug use. (89 Min.)

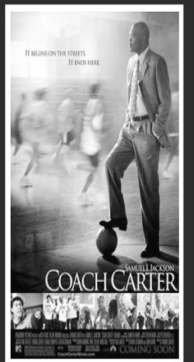
Fri., May 20
Starts at Dusk

★ ★
COACH CARTER

FREE
Outdoor
Movie!
On Ross Field

Bring your blankets
and lawn chairs to
watch "Coach Carter"
under the stars!

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Concessions will be
available in Ross
Theater for purchase.



If inclement weather should occur, the movie will be shown inside Ross Theater.

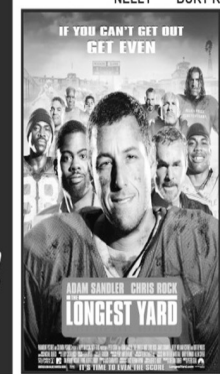
PG 13~For violence, sexual content, language, teen partying and some drug material. (134 Min.)

Sat., May 21
7 p.m.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

★ ★
FREE
Movie!
Sneak Preview!

THE
LONGEST YARD
— ADAM SANDLER — CHRIS ROCK
— NELLY — BURT REYNOLDS —



A Must
See!

PG 13~For crude and sexual humor, violence, language and drug references. (86 Min.)

Sun., May 22
3:30 p.m.



SAHARA

PG 13~For action violence. (127 Min.)

The movie schedule is subject to change without notice.

For up-to-date information,
call the MWR Scoop Line at 688-2110, ext. 697,
24 hours-a-day or check the web site at

www.mwrgl.com



Places to dine • Places to go

Pub 140 Staff Lounge, Bldg. 140, 688-6946

Pub 140 offers a "grill your own" menu during fair weather, including steaks, hamburgers, salmon and chicken breasts. Pub 140 offers limited menu until 7:30 p.m., Wed.-Fri. Pub 140's hours of operation are Wed.-Fri., 49 p.m. Pub 140 is open to all staff members. Enjoy the beautiful Lake Michigan view, and pleasant atmosphere. Pub 140 also has a new wide screen TV.

On Fridays, enjoy "dinner and a movie" night. Dinner will be served at Pub 140 from 4-7:30 p.m. Then purchase (at Pub 140) your "reserved seating area" movie tickets to Ross Theater. Movies are shown on Fridays at 6 and 8:30 p.m. at Ross Theater. For more information, call Pub 140 at 688-6946.



Command at sea examined in work by captain, vice admiral

By **LT. CMDR. YOUSSEF H. ABOUL-ENEIN**
Naval Hospital PAO

Reviewed this week is Command at Sea (Fifth Edition) by Capt. James Stavridis and Vice Adm. William Mack, USN (Ret.), Naval Institute Press. Annapolis, Md., 466 pages.

The original Command at Sea was published by Capt. Harley Cope in 1943 as a guide to prospective Commanding Officers preparing to engage enemy forces in the Pacific and Atlantic during WWII. This book has evolved with the times from a 580 ship Navy of the 1980s to the current 340 ship Navy of today.

But what makes this book enduring is the insight, common sense, and information it contains in one small volume. Although written for a skipper this book can be of use to all members of the U.S. Navy because it truly takes you into the mind of a commanding officer at sea.

The book begins with “Taking Command” and the preparation that is undertaken before a new CO reports to his or her command. There is much for them to read and understand and usually they are undergoing training in their respective war-

fare fields before arriving to take charge of a squadron, sub or warship.

Chapters focus on the relationships and roles of every person onboard from the Executive Officer (XO) on down, no person is unimportant when it comes to operating a vessel on the high seas. Ever wondered how a skipper deals with asylum, harassment by foreign forces, attempted boarding, or even the preparation to visit a foreign port?

All these topics and more are discussed in this book. How about duties when a ship is part of a squadron, battle group or joint operation? You can find answers to these complex questions plus recommendations for further readings.

A chapter focuses solely on the role of the command master chief and the functions of the chief petty officer in today’s Navy.

Command at Sea is definitely the book for those wishing to make a career in the Navy regardless of whether one is a line or staff officer or the type of rating a Sailor is. Stavridis is also author of the acclaimed Watch of Officers Guide published by the Naval Institute Press.

Great Lakes Commissary announces scholarship winners

It is May and the color green is bursting forth, but for 500 diligent students it’s not just the “garden variety” green found in the back yard. It’s more like Federal Reserve green. Thanks to the Scholarships for Military Children program, 500 students are receiving \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall.

The local winners announced by Alexander Varela, store director at NAVSTA Great Lakes commissary, are: Shelly Benson of Kenosha, Wis., Ashley Lipinski of Lake Forest, Ill., Jenna Pickhardt of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and Kassidy Wileman of Washington, Ill.

Recipients announced at <<http://www.militaryscholar.org>> are preliminary and are contingent upon determination of military dependency status by the scholarship evaluation firm. Students to whom this may apply have already been contacted. If it is determined that a student is ineligible to receive a scholarship, or there is a change in a recipient’s educational status (for example: the student decides not to attend college), a new recipient will be named.

“We’re excited to report that the scholarship program continues to be a success in

helping military families defray the costs of education,” said Defense Commissary Agency Chief Executive Officer Patrick Nixon. “We’re proud to be associated with a program that has awarded nearly \$4 million to over 3,000 students since its inception in 2001.”

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. Recipients are notified by letter. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners is posted online at: <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded by the manufacturers and suppliers that provide support for commissaries worldwide and administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes for scholarships. The general public has the opportunity to donate to the program through the militaryscholar Web site.

Worship today
in the faith of your choice

Chaplain’s Corner



Memorial Day a time to pause and reflect

By **LT. ROBERT FUEHRER**
Chaplain Corps, USN

The apostle Paul in the Christian New Testament challenges us in the twelfth Chapter of Romans to Love one another with mutual affection; and outdo one another in showing honor. On this Memorial Day weekend I want to take a few minutes to pause and reflect with you on some thoughts.

There have been many great saints that have put on the uniform and answered our nation’s call to arms. Many have paid the supreme sacrifice for our country; giving up their lives in defense of our way of life. Now is the time to honor them. I would challenge all of us to stop, sometime in the next couple of days, and to think about all that we have and the sacrifice that so many have made for us.

In the preamble of the Constitution of the United States we read the following words: “We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, pro-

mote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity...”

It has been to this effort that we have developed into what we are today. “A nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the fair proposition that all men are created equal.” From our early inception to this day, we have found ourselves rallying the call to serve. That calling continues to beckon us today. Everyday I am proud to put on the uniform and serve; as I look around I know that I am not alone. I salute all of my brothers and sisters that stand with me and I am honored that so many have done so.

As the USS Theodore Roosevelt left on Operation Enduring Freedom on Sept. 19, 2001, The Honorable Richard England, Secretary of the Navy, told us that the price of freedom isn’t free. Many have paid a great price for that freedom and now is the time that we should outdo one another in showing honor. As this time is upon us, take sometime to say thanks to all of those who have gone before us and reflect on all that we have! Outdo one another in showing honor.

WHAT happened WHEN A look back at historic Great Lakes

40 years ago
Visitors tour GLakes

Sixteen thousand civilian came through the gates of the Naval Training Center Saturday for the 16th annual Armed Forces Day observance, carrying the theme of Power for Peace. Taking part in the open house activities also were 3,00 Sailors who boost the overall Great Lakes visiting total to 19,000 people. Highlighting the day’ evens was the colorful outdoor recruit graduation review on the center’s historic Ross Field. Over 1,000 graduating bluejackets passed in review.

30 years ago
Memorial Day program

Fleet Reserve Association Great Lakes, Branch 53, will present a Memorial Day program in front of the NTC Boat House on May 26 at 11 a.m. The officers and members of Branch 53 welcome everyone to this annual service honoring shipmates who have passed on. All persons who are eligible to enter the naval base are welcome to attend the event. The program will include an invocation, plac-

ing of a wreath in Lake Michigan, a rifle salute, and a Memorial Day address.

20 years ago
FEW holds luncheon

The NTC Federal Women’s Program (FWP) sub-committee is sponsoring a “brown bag” luncheon meeting with Federally Employed Women (FEW) Organization representatives today at 11:30 a.m. in the MIC Room (239) in Bldg. 1. All men and women (both military and civilian) who are federally employed are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to explore the possibility of creating a local chapter of FEW.

10 years ago
Facility named for Gunn

On May 11, Rear Adm. Mack C. Gaston, commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, dedicated the future site of the new QM/SN and Seaman Apprenticeship Training Facility, Bldg. 122, in honor of Aubrey H. Gunn, a BMC who rose to the rank of Lt. Cmdr, during World War II.

Command Religious Program Schedule

Catholic

Sun., 9 a.m. Sunday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Sunday MassNaval Hospital All Faiths Chapel
Sun., Noon Sunday MassForrestal Village Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. Weekday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:15-11:30 a.m. CCDBldg. 122
Sun, 10:15 a.m. Adult EducationBluejacket Memorial Chapel

Protestant

Wed., Noon Praise, Word and WorshipNaval Hospital All Faiths Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Protestant WorshipBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10 a.m. Family Worship ServiceForrestal Village Chapel

Full Gospel Service (Pentecostal)

Sun., 10:15 a.m. Sunday School adult & childrenBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 11:45 a.m. Morning WorshipBluejacket Memorial Chapel

Wed., 7 p.m. Bible Study, adult & childrenBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Mon., 7 p.m. First Monday of month Bible Study/Fellowship, Men & WomensBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Fri., 7 p.m. First Friday of month Youth Victory Service ...Bluejacket Memorial Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sun., 1:30 p.m.Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel

Chapels

- Bluejacket Memorial Chapel - Bldg. 3, NTC
- Forrestal Village Chapel - Bldg. 2630, Ohio St., Forrestal Village
- Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel, Wing 2 South
- For More Information about any of the services or events listed in this schedule, call 688-5610

SportScene

Great Lakes Hapkido Club meeting at Bldg. 81-H

The Hapkido Club (self defense) specializes in personal protection classes for everyone that incorporates several different martial arts systems and styles. These free classes will be held in Bldg. 81-H (second floor) on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m., Thursday from 5-7 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30-11 a.m. Sign up at the Fieldhouse, Bldg. 440.

Sniper's Alley open

Sniper's Alley has re-opened. Naval Station's own outdoor paintball arena, Sniper's Alley, is for those customers looking for an exciting paintball experience at an affordable price. For only \$12, customers may rent gear for the day (mask/marker) and unlimited air-fills, along with 100 paintballs. Additional paintballs are available for purchase.

Sniper's Alley is located right behind Bldg. 440 (Fieldhouse) for easy access. Check out Sniper's new inflatable bunker system and watch for regular tournaments.

The hours of operation are as follows: Thurs.. 4-9 p.m.; Fri., 4-10 p.m.; Sat.. noon-10 p.m. and Sun. 12-8 p.m. Sniper's is subject to close early due to inclement weather or lack of business. The prices are as follows: \$12 starter package (equipment and 100 paintballs); 200 paintballs, \$14; 500 paintballs, \$25; 1,000 paintballs, \$45 and a case of 2,000 paintballs, \$80

For those who have their own equipment, the admission fee is \$10. which includes unlimited air re-fills.

For more information, call 688-2230 directly, or weekdays at the Loft at 6882214.

Factory paintball arena

The Factory Paintball Arena is located in a unique and historic 50,000 square foot

factory - now turned into one of the hottest new indoor paintball facilities in the area with three separate playing fields! Check out the extreme action located on 2400 Commonwealth, in North Chicago just across the street from the Naval Station. The Factory Paintball Arena has great discounts specifically for armed forces personnel, and all eligible MWR customers. Don't miss the \$5 Navy Fridays Special, which includes admission and rental equipment; plus, discounts on paint (offer good for all base personnel).

Check out their special group discounts for base personnel. The hours of operation are as follows: Monday: Closed (available for private groups); Tuesday: Closed (available for private groups); Wednesday: 4-10 p.m.; Thursday: 4 -10 p.m.; Friday: 4 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m. - midnight and Sunday: 12 -8 p.m.

For more information, call the ITT Office at 688-3537, go to www.factorypaintball.com, or call the Factory Paintball Arena directly at (847) 4732400.

Captain's Cup races

Ask about the following Captain's Cup SK Runs: May 10, "Hamburger Hill 5K Run," 5 p.m.; June 22, "Tax Day SK Run," 5 p.m. and Aug. 4, "National Mustard SK Run," 5 p.m. Runs begin at Bldg. 4, and runners can register in advance at Bldg. 440.

2005 Captains Cup softball

It is not too late to sign up for Captains Cup Softball. Come to Building 440 to fill out a roster ASAP. The league will begin in May.

Fitness and sports

The Fitness and Sports Division includes Courts Plus-Bldg. 4, 688-6750; Gym 80-H, 688-7692; Fieldhouse-Bldg. 440, 688-3419, and the Great Lakes Fitness Center-Bldg. 2A; 688-5649.

All event/league registrations and manager's meetings take place at the Fitness and Sports Office in Bldg. 440, unless otherwise noted. Turn in registration and forfeiture letters at Bldg.. 440. leagues are open to all active duty and retired military, reservists, family members with an ID and DoD employees with a valid gym membership. For additional information, call 688-3419.



The Wall

The Wall is a 32 ft. climbing structure for both beginner and advanced climbers. The Wall has four autobelay. For children, the minimum weight is 25 pounds. The Wall also provides children's shoes and harnesses. Those interested in "roped" climbing may go through an orientation class (\$10 fee), which includes instruction on belaying, harnesses, safety and tying figure-8 knots (two complimentary day passes are included). This class is only mandatory for those who want to climb the roped routes, or want to attend the advanced classes. The hours of operation are as follows: Mon.-Fri.: 3:30-7 p.m. and Sat: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Holiday hours will be posted. The Wall will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays when Orientation Classes are scheduled. Orientation Class is from 6-8 p.m. by appointment, only). The fees are as follows: \$5, day pass: includes climbing shoes, harness, autobelay or roped routes, and \$10 includes orientation class and

two complimentary day passes.

The Wall is sponsored by American Capital Group. New climbers are invited to test their skills against other new climbers by participating in this fun competition. The fastest times of the week receive a complimentary day pass. There are two timers available to record races.

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Indoor Pool right place for that next birthday party

Reserve the Indoor Pool for your next party on either Saturday or Sunday from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$75 for 15 children (chips and soda included). Each additional child is \$4. Participants may bring their own cake, food, drink, and decorations. A party room is provided. Call the Aquatics Branch for full details at 688-3419.

Tot/youth swimming lessons

These programs are designed for the beginning child. Parents will learn how to work with their child in the following areas: water adjustment, safety skills and introductory swim skills. Games and songs will be introduced to help keep the class fun and interesting.

Youth swim lessons

Youth Swim Lessons are scheduled in four-week sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 p.m. The cost per session/child is \$40 or \$75 for two children in the same family.

Water babies-parent/infant program (6 mos.-2 yrs.)

Parent/Infant Lessons are scheduled on Saturdays from 10-10:30 a.m. The cost per session/child is \$40 (six lessons). Preschool (21/2-4 yrs.)

Preschool Lessons are scheduled on Saturdays from 10:45-11:15 a.m. The cost per session/child is \$40 (six lessons).

Private swim lessons

Private Swim Lessons cost \$15 per class or \$50 for 4 classes. these lessons will be arranged anytime with the Aquatics Manager for your convenience Saturday and Sunday, too.

Adult stroke development classes

Adult Stroke Development Classes cost \$15 per class or \$50 for four classes. These lessons can be arranged anytime with the Aquatics Manager for your convenience - Saturday and Sunday, too.

English Channel swim

The English Channel Swim is an ongoing program. Pay \$5, swim 21 miles and receive a T-shirt. Register at the front desk of Bldg 440.

Water aerobics

Water Aerobics are scheduled on Mon., Tues., Wed. and Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m. The

cost for 10-classes is \$25 and for 20-classes is \$35. Meet our newest aerobics instructor, as she gets your feet movin' and body groovin.'

Aquatics activities take place at the Indoor Pool, Bldg. 440, 688-7692/3419. Register for the following Aquatic Programs at the front desk of the Fieldhouse (Bldg 440). All programs are run out of the Indoor Pool (Bldg. 440).

Soccer league plays fifth game

MWR Youth Soccer League played their fifth game of the season this past weekend. There are 182 youth participating in the league 29 volunteer coaches divided into 16 teams this season.

Pony League (4-6 year olds): Team 1 - Comcast 2-2-0; Team 3 - McDonald's 4-0-0; Team 6 - Greebay Family Dental 4-0-0; Team 8 - Highland Park Ford 3-1-0; Team 2 - Navy Federal Credit Union 0-4-0; Team 4 - Super 8 Motel 1-3-0; Team 5 - Pepsi 1-2-1; and Team 7 - MWR Marina 0-3-1.

Colt League (7-9 year olds): Team 1 - Ted Carpet Inn 2-2-0; Team 4 - Best Western Waukegan 3-0-1; Team 2 - Taco Bell/Pizza Hut 2-1-1; and Team 3 - MWR Ross Theater 0-4-0.

Mustang League (10-14 year olds): Team 2 - Rynish Bowling Center 2-1-1; Team 4 - MWR Youth & Family Activity Center 4-0-0; Team 1 - Papa John's Pizza 2-2-0; and Team 3 - Armed Forces Bank 1-2-1.

Naval Station MWR Holiday Hours

For Memorial Day, May 30

Great Lakes Outfitters, Bldg. 4, 688-7769
8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Loft, Bldg. 2A, 688-2219
1-9 p.m.

Rynish Bowling Center, Bldg. 180, 688-5612
4-10 p.m.

Skyline Food Court, Pier 525, 688-4641
3-10 p.m.

Game Room - 3-11 p.m.

21 and Over Lounge - 4-11 p.m.

Bldg. 440 (Fieldhouse), 688-3419
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Marina, Bldg. 13, 688-5417
8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Indoor Pool, Bldg. 440, 688-3419
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bldg. 2A, Great Lakes Fitness Center, 688-2617
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Willow Glen Golf Club, Bldg. 3312, 688-4593
6 a.m.-dusk

Duffers Den Restaurant and Lounge, Bldg. 3312,
688-2637
9 a.m.-9 p.m. (no lunch service)

MWR activities not listed here will be closed

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Reserve commands must prepare for triennial audit

By **JO3 RUFUS HUCKS**
NAVRESREDCOM Midwest

It's something all Reserve Commands prepare for: the triennial audit. As the name indicates it only happens once every three years, but it's significance is not overlooked between inspections.

What is a triennial audit? Cmdr. Robert Thornhill, director of Manpower, Training and Readiness at the Naval Reserve Readiness Command (NAVRESREDCOM) Midwest, explains that an audit is an "evaluation by a command's Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) on a reserve activity's operational status by government direction." What this means is the ISIC sends assessment teams to the various commands to make sure they are in keepings with what the Department of the Navy expects, he said. "All reserve commands have an ISIC and usually it is the local Readiness Command. For the Midwest

region, that is REDCOM Midwest, located on Naval Station Great Lakes.

"Although the Triennial Audit is a big thing that the centers need to be concerned about," Thornhill said. "They shouldn't lose too much sleep over it. "It's difficult to fail, said Thornhill." He draws this conclusion from the countless audits he himself has participated in. There are so many areas covered, which gives the centers multiple chances to fix what's wrong, he says. In the two years that he has served at REDCOM Midwest, he has only seen one reserve center fail. However, that doesn't mean that reserve centers can only work on what they want to. "Every category assessed does not carry the same weight," says Thornhill. When centers fail, it is because they neglected certain key areas. Payment, medical, and mobilizations, says Thornhill, are parts of the reserve centers' functions that especially cannot be ignored.

The way the audits are "graded" are on

a SAT or UNSAT scale, says Thornhill. Either the center passes or fails, there is no gray area. If the centers fail, they are given six months to correct the problems.

Thornhill says those re-inspections can be avoided if the centers just follow a couple of tips. First, he says that if centers keep their files properly organized and easy to find, it will save them a lot of headache in the future. Also, Thornhill recommends that the center Commanding Officers

become very familiar with the Assessment guide posted on the Naval Reserve Web Site. All the areas to be tested are listed on the site with details as to how to pass that category.

The last tip he gives can also be argued as the most important. He says the centers should be self-critical. He says those centers that are open to improvement are the one that stand the best chance of succeeding.

Navy daughter earns scholarship to Carthage College in Kenosha

By **EVA KOWALSKI**
Training Support Center

Having a Navy master chief as a father, Jenna Pickhardt has had to wave her father goodbye several times when he went away to sea, but this time around she'll be saying the good-byes as she prepares to head to college in the fall on a Clausen scholarship.

Jenna was selected for one of eight scholarships offered through the Lincoln Scholarship program at Carthage College in Kenosha out of approximately 655 applicants throughout the country.

The Lincoln Scholarship Program offers the most prestigious awards granted by Carthage, totaling more than \$2 million per year. The program is open to all academic majors and includes 13 major scholarships ranging from full tuition to full tuition, room and board. The program offers five Lincoln scholarships and three Clausen scholarships.

Jenna received a Clausen scholarship valued at over \$90,000 over a four-year period. The scholarship is named after Tom Clausen, who graduated from Carthage in 1944. Clausen was President of the World Bank during the Reagan administration.

Jenna applied for the scholarship without any expectations, just hoping for the best and prepared to pursue other avenues as she saw fit. She was also accepted at five other colleges that she submitted her application to.

"I was very stunned...so many people applied for these scholarships...I was kind of skeptical that I would get one, when I found out I was immediately in shock," said Jenna.

But to many, Jenna's achievement is merely a reflection of her efforts.

"She is very good at using resources, she's very assertive, organized, plans ahead, very focused...and has a nice personality," said Pat Fremarek, Tremper High School Guidance Counselor.

Jenna will be graduating from Tremper in Kenosha, Wis. with an Honors Diploma June 5. Fremarek said there are 458 graduating students in her class and Jenna is ranked 17 on the academic scale.

Jenna also completed some of her schooling in Virginia.

Jenna's father, ETCM (SW) Jeff

Pickhardt, who is the Senior Enlisted Advisor at Center for Surface Combat Systems Learning Site, Great Lakes said, "Jenna completed most of her schooling throughout Virginia Beach, Virginia. I've been in the Navy for 25 years, Jenna and my wife have followed me around through different duty stations."

Pickhardt said proudly, "Jenna has really been gifted in academics, but not just academics she is a well rounded person."

Jenna has been a member of the National Honor Society and a member of Future Business Leaders of America.

Jenna will be working towards a Bachelor of Science at Carthage majoring in biology. She plans to attend graduate school afterwards to specialize in radiology, pharmacology, or optometry.

"I'm still undecided about what part of the medical field I want to go into ...I have an interest in the sciences and with the health field there's just so many things that you can do," said Jenna.

To apply for the scholarship, Jenna had to initially write an essay about her most embarrassing moment. After making it through to the second round of the application, she was interviewed by some of the faculty staff members.

Tom Augustine, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Carthage, said the faculty members look for "intellect, creativity, (and) zeal to learn" during the interview.

She also had to write an impromptu essay in 50 minutes.

Pickhardt said he couldn't be more proud of his daughter's achievement.

"The focus for my wife and I has not been on our careers, it's been on raising our daughter. You balance your career with raising your child."

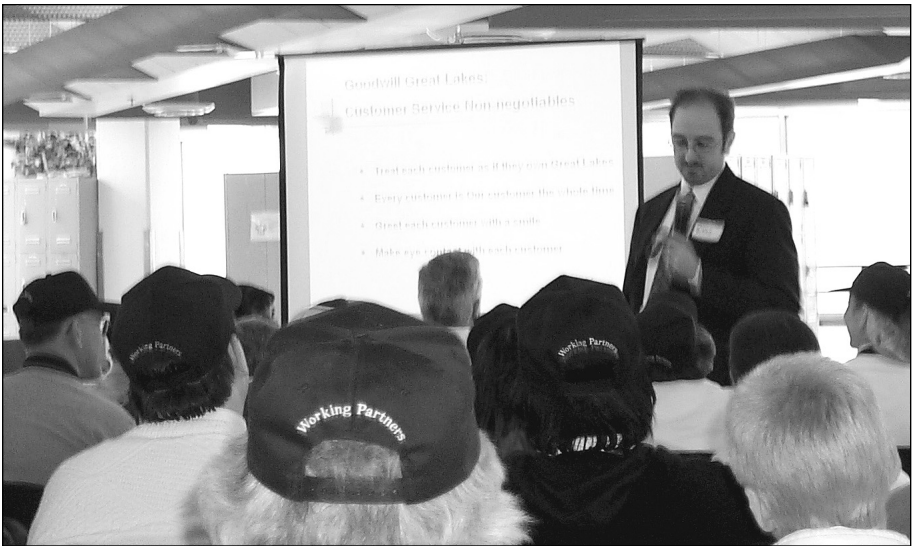
"My wife and I throughout every day of Jenna's schooling always spent time with her being totally 100 percent involved in what she was doing and what was going on in her life," he said.

Being in the Navy and dealing with deployment adds an additional challenge, but according to Pickhardt it's very possible to balance family and work.

"Even though I've been gone at sea for a total of close to four years of her (Jenna's) 18 years upbringing I've always been involved in what's going on in Jenna's life," he said.



Jenna Pickhardt with father ETCM (SW) Jeff Pickhardt at Center for Surface Combat Systems Learning Site, Great Lakes. Jenna prepares to go to Carthage College in Kenosha in the fall on a Clausen scholarship. Photo by Matt Mogle



Customer training

Food Service personnel attended an interactive customer training session, conducted by Ryan Blackman of NISH, at Galley 928 last week. Ryan gave tools and tips for making each service experience exceptional for the customer. Photo by Judy R. Lazarus

Win baseball tickets and more

The MWR Department and Miller Lite have teamed up for a summer promotion called "Play Ball," an interactive baseball game with a chance for participants to win prizes. Anyone can play. Just go to <www.mwrgl.com> and everyone will win something, including valuable coupons to various MWR facilities or programs.

In addition, players may register to win tickets to Major League Baseball games

including the Chicago White Sox, Cubs and Milwaukee Brewers.

The top prize is tickets to a luxury suite/skybox at Miller Park in Milwaukee to see the Brewers or US Cellular Field in Chicago to see the White Sox. Some restrictions apply. Players will receive additional chances to win by visiting Duffer's Den, Pier 525, Pub 140 and/or Rynish Bowling Center. Watch for specials on Miller Lite at each facility.



The first two winners of MWR's PLAY BALL promotion received their free tickets. HM2 Ryan Brounough (above) and YN1 Karyn Henson both were given a pair of baseball game tickets, with free parking passes to see the White Sox and Rangers play at US Cellular Field last Tuesday night. Tickets will be given away throughout the summer — including luxury suite tickets — from the MWR Department, and their sponsor, Miller Lite Beer. Go to www.mwrgl.com to play MWR's interactive baseball game where everyone's a winner for great discount coupons and a chance to win baseball tickets. Photo courtesy Naval Station MWR Department



200 TSC students, instilled with pride after being in the presence of shipmates. from USS Hadley, march back to their ships.

TSC students learn history during USS Hadley Memorial

Students at Training Support Center (TSC), Great Lakes were given a personal history lesson May 13 when they joined the veterans of USS Hugh W. Hadley (DD 774) at Ross Theater for their 16th Reunion Memorial Service.

Two hundred students attended from TSC's 2nd and 6th Fleets as part of Naval History — a component of TSC's Naval Military Training.

The memorial commenced with the posting of the colors by TSC Color Guard followed by the National Anthem vocally performed by RP2 Byron Taylor.

During the service, three veterans: Martin Weible, Charles Nelson and Robert Bell, shared their personal accounts of life onboard the Hadley when she was attacked on 11 May 1945 by over 150 Japanese airplanes and struck by one bomb and three Kamikazes 40 miles Northwest of Okinawa, Japan.

"The intruder, which called us to General Quarters was a single aircraft, a Japanese float plane flying very low on the water directly at us. It had escaped detection by both air and surface search radars, and also the Combat Air Patrol (CAP) of highflying Marine F4U Corsairs, which we directed, from our ship," explained Ret. Capt. Doug Aitken, who was a Lt. j.g. onboard the Hadley.

The crew, which consisted of 340 enlisted sailors and 22 officers, fought a one hour forty minute battle, destroying 23 enemy planes and skillfully directing the ship's CAP in shooting down at least 40 others.

They "fought valiantly against such overwhelming odds," read Lt. Neal Kreisler, TSC Chaplain. Kreisler went on to read from the After Action Report of Cmdr. Byron Joseph Mullaney, Hadley's commanding officer: "I desire to record that the history of our Navy was enhanced on 11 May 1945. I am proud to record that I know of no record of a destroyer's crew fighting for one hour and thirty-five minutes against overwhelming enemy aircraft and destroying 23 of them."

Water Tender 3rd Class Weible recalled, "The most memorable event was when the Captain hollered 'Abandon Ship.'"

Of the three Kamikazes that hit the destroyer that day one was not serious; however, the second and the third proved fatal. The second, at the waterline, opened up virtually all engineering spaces to the sea and the third Kamikaze crashed the after deck house quad-40MM gun area.

Mullaney ordered "Abandon Ship" and Sailors were forced to jump into the East China Sea.

The message relayed at the memorial service to students was focused on teamwork and pride.

"I enjoyed every minute of the two years that I spent in the Navy," said Weible.

Fire Controlman 1st Class Nelson reiterated the message of friendship and camaraderie through his own experience.

"My skipper said what you Sailors needs to do is get a friend, somebody to watch out for you and you watch out for him," he recalled. "I spent 3 years 5 months and 27 days in the Navy," he ended proudly.

"When we share the moment, when we experience the event and endure the same hardship and struggle together we are forged together in a common bond," commented Kreisler.

During Roll Call, Kreisler read the names of the 30 shipmates killed during the battle, as well as the names of crewmembers that have passed since last year's reunion.

Following the indoor service the attendees stepped outside where Seaman 2nd Class Thomas English and his son Kenneth English presented a wreath in memory of the crewmembers killed during the attack.

The event came to an end with a 21 gun salute performed by Naval Station Great Lakes Firing Detail under the direction of SH3 Francesca Delzer, and TAPS played by MU3 Bree Cameron from the Naval Station Great Lakes band on Ross Field.

Story by Eva Kowalski
Photos by Matt Mogle
Training Support Center



NAVSTA Great Lakes Firing Detail performs a 21 Gun Salute, honoring the 31 crewmembers killed during Hadley's 1945 attack.



USS Hadley crewmembers, family, and friends stand at attention during the firing of the 21 Gun Salute.



Retired Captain Doug Aitken discusses the advantages of Kevlar mooring lines with BMC Michael Thomas of Seaman Apprentice Training Division, aboard USS Whitehat.



TSC Color Guard, in dress whites, was on hand for the USS Hadley 16th Reunion Memorial Service.